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Masahiko SUZUMI, et al.	)	
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Application No.: 10/648,284	)	
	:	Allowed: May 26, 2004
Filed: August 27, 2003	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4446
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD	:	July 29, 2004

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SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (the "Notice"), dated May 26, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicants are concurrently paying the combined Issue and Publication fees.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the original application materials, on August 27, 2003 (the "August IDS"). The attached printout obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Application Information Retrieval computer database for the application includes the following entry under "File History:

"10-01-2003" Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed".

Attached is a copy of the August IDS and date-stamped postcard showing receipt thereof in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

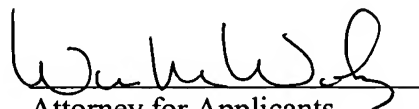
Since the Notice does not mention the August IDS, Applicants filed a Request for Acknowledgment on June 14, 2004. (An Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2003, has been acknowledged by means of an annotated copy of the citation form enclosed with an Official Action, dated July 27, 2004.)

To date, Applicants have not yet received an acknowledgment of the August IDS, such as, a citation form annotated with the Examiner's initials and date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. It is submitted that the August IDS and the cited art were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the cited art has been considered and made of record. Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

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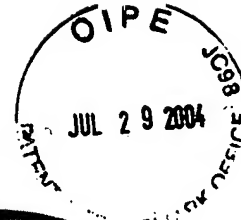


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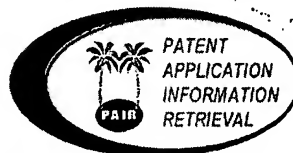
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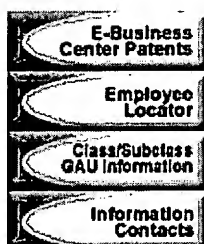
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

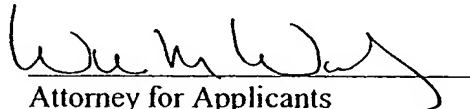
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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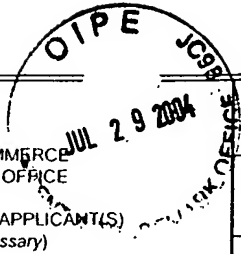
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